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WEATHER REPORT.

PROBLEILITIES To-DAY .- Washington March 21, 1876.—For the New England March Middle States, partly cloudy and clearing, cooler weather during Wednesday. with rising barometer and northwest to

westerly winds. For the South Atlantic States, clear or fair weather, with rising barometer, northerly westerly winds, and during Wednesday stationary or a slight rise in temperature. (sutionary signals continue at stations on the Atlantic coast from New Haven to East-

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was partly cloudy or clearing, cold. and windy. At night it was clear and cold. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 36 9 A. M., 41; 12 M., 45; 8 P. M., 44; 6 P. M.,

S; midnight, 32. [From the New York Times of Sunday last.] The First Escape from the Libby. THE NARRATIVE OF CAPTAIN B. F. PORTER, OF

THE NEW JERSEY CAVALRY. Captain Porter's parrative is put in his own words as nearly as possible. From the first moment when it became certain that the subject of exchange was to e indefinitely postponed I resolved with the others that I would escape; but I soon discovered that their plan could not be mine. Long before I saw the Libby the famous underground tunnel had been commencedin fact, I worked at it frequently by night, willing to give my companions in captivity the benefit of my bands while I stayed, though their final preparations for escape, I realized delivering personally to Secretary Stanton, that I was not vigorous enough to take my at Washington. chances with them in the wild flight which

before they would be ready for their great | with a little management. I was favored by the promise of assistance gratifying intelligence of the escape of Coloattempt. of the way, followed by a negro. She saw me

knowing lock, which I did not fail to comprehend. After the guard bad left the room examined the potato, and took from the centre of it a smili folded paper. The paper bore the name of the lady whom I had seen from the window, and contained minute directions for finding ber home. Addressing me as "the unknown Union officer," she promised that if I could get out of prison and come to her she would conceal me faith-

fully until I could make good my escape. This was a ray of hope that lent encourageand to quietly wear them out of the prison. officers had one or two gray garments which last told me to mount my wagon, and he they had purchased as their own wore out, or obtained in some way from the negroes and soldlers to whom they had access; and as wear that kind of clothing without suspicion. I made my plan known to a number of the officers, and speedily had the coveted dis-

I had selected for my attempted escape. This is a simple narrative of facts; therefore I will omit any statement of bow I felt at this critical time. It was very early in the morning, and not a soul was stirring in the Libby save the guards, who tramped back resounding slap fell on my back and a loud and forth heavily in the halls above and below, when I went to the window, and with the help of a little water that was left in my can, and trusting a great deal to the sense of moustache and luxuriant beard which my Next I shaved my hair almost as close as a of ick that we had among us I dyed my naturally light eyebrows. After this I put on my gray suit, buttoning the coat up tight to I'm on hand for duty." the chin, that I might look something like an an hour the morning allowance of food was brought in; and this was my time. I walked straight out of the door, and passed the guard in the hall. I passed him with a firm slep and an erect bearing. He looked carelessly at me and said not a word. Descending the stairs I passed another guard in the into the prison-office at the end of the hall,

and asked the clerk the time. "Pretty near 7," he said, looking at his the Yankee cavalry, or in the Libby." Watch, and then indifferently at me. I saw be did not know me, but it was with some difficulty that I succeeded in keeping the discovery out of my face when I recognized in this same clerk an old friend, whose acquaintance with me dated back-before the war, and who left a situation in a wholesale house in New York to enter the civil service

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RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 22, 1876.

tried to get away from the city. I reached the train and everybody was busy. I dethe outskirts, and saw at a distance a rebel tached a mule from the wagon I drove patrol. I turned back, unobserved, and tried and rode him to the river as fast as I another road, and still another. The result could make him go. 1 was so was the same. The roads out of Richmond as to find a negro with a boat in a were all guarded. These patrols I did not few minutes, and I was safe across bedare to face, because I had reason to believe fore, there was any sign of pursuit. 1 that there was a sergeant or an officer with jumped ashore, and in my exultation each of them, and that I would have to undergo a scrutiny from them which would probably reveal my real character. My leg was growing painful, and I knew that I had not the strength, after my long imprisonment, to lurk in the woods, and to travel by night to evade the rebel pickets and patrols. here was nothing left for me but to return to Richmond and seek the protection of my is good reason to say that I gave him in-unknown friend. I did it; but I never yet formation that proved of very great importtook such unwilling steps as those which ance to the Union cause. carried me back to the capital of my ene-

I found the house of the lady with little difficulty, and was welcomed by her in a way that left me no doubt of her fidelity to the Union cause. For more than a month that noble woman concealed me, watched over my safety, and at last made my escape sure, doing it-as I presume she did in behalf of others-without hope of reward-for pure love of the cause and its soldiers. The statements that I am now about to make will sound strangely, and may be doubted; but they are entirely truthful. The house of my benefactress was the headquarters of a branch organization of a Loyal League, which she informed me embraced the names of several thousand in Richmond. I know it to be a fact that these men had arms concealed in various cellars and garrets in the city, and in the previous spring, at the time of the battle of Chancellorsville, when Stoneman was raiding down toward Richmond with his heavy cavalry columns, they only waited the certainty of his coming to rise, arm themselves, open the prison-doors, and take possession of the city for him. And, strange as it may seem, during my sojourn at this house I was introduced in the person of one of its visitors to a man in thorough sympathy with the Union cause, who was a high official in a bureau of one the tunnel could not help me. At the time of the departments of the Confederate Govof my capture-outside Port Hudson, June ernment. At his suggestion I accompanied 14, 1863-1 received a wound in the leg him one day as his orderly, riding a horse from a carbine ball, which gave me no which he procured for me, on a tour of introuble until my confinement. But after spection of the defences of the city, with a had been lodged in the Libby it be- board of examination, including several sore and irflamed, either from generals! The information which I acquired bad air or water, or perhaps the confinement during that day's ride I reduced to writing itself. It grew better after a time; but as after my escape from Richmond, making the tunnel approached completion, and Colo- plans from memory of the most important the tubber approach the others' were making works; and these I had the satisfaction of

After I had been a week in the house of they meditated, and that if I attempted it I my fast friend the widow I became perfectly should certainly lag behind and be picked up confident of her good faith, and tried to wait by the rebel cavalry that would scour the patiently for my final deliverance. She had country. My only hope, I thought, was to formed a plan of escape that satisfied me get outside long enough before the general well, and seemed quite feasible. She dealarm was given to obtain a good start, and signed to get me a place as a driver in one reach our line near Yorktown. And if this of the great forage and supply trains that was to be done at all it must be done at once. often went to Northumberland county; and The tunnel had been constructed in the daily as her true character was not at all suspected, dread of discovery, and every day increased nor those of the many influential friends who the chance that it would be discovered. I came to her house, the plan seemed likely to consulted with some of my companions, and succeed. The chief difficulty was with the resolved to try my luck alone several days passport; but that she hoped to arrange

from an unexpected source, which came to nel Streight and his companions through the me in a very strange way. I was standing by tunnel. That was an exciting time in Richthe grated window one day, looking out into mond, and I was compelled to keep close to the yard, when a lady passed on the other side the house for weeks. The Confederate cayalry chased the fugitives hotly over the pethe window, and, with a quick motion of ninsula, and many were recaptured and reper hand, she put aside her shawl, showing me turned to their old bateful quarters, while a small Union flag in the bosom of her dress, others succeeded, by herculean exertions and and instantly covered it again. I regarded it through dreadful fatigue and exposure, in as a pleasant and unusual incident, but never reaching the relief parties that were sent out dreamed of bearing of it again. In less than a from Fortress Monroe at the first intimation week, however, I saw the same negro who fol- of their escape. I knew now that I must lowed the lady. He was allowed to come in have been hunted down among the first, among us to sell fruit, and, passing near me, and I felt that I had acted wisely in not casthe tossed me a large sweet potato, with a ling my lot with them. Dahlgren's raid ocbecame so rigid that my friends de- 20th. clared that I must defer all thought of getting away until the departure had on application at the general ticket of ery, and also the roster of the Richmond of another train. This I reluctantly, fice, A. W. Garber, Main street, Richmond, but still wisely, consented to do. But at last the long-expected day came, and, furnished with a passport bearing the name of to go with the train on account of sickness. ment to me. Considering the condition of and whom I was to personate), I bade faremy leg, it seemed really providential; and I well to my kind deliverer and walked over went to work systematically and with en- to the rendezvous with a bold air. The ofergy, and yet with the caution that was then | ficer in command of the train scrutinized my a second nature to us, to devise ways and passport, and then me, and put me through means for an escape. The plan that I adopted, a severe catechism. I had expected this, and and in which I succeeded, was simply to was well prepared for it. My story was that collect together articles enough to make the I was a native of Baltimore, who had enlisted uniform of a rebel soldier, to put them on, in the Union army, and had deserted and found my way to Richmond after the battle Nor was it so difficult to obtain this kind of of Chancellorsville. I answered all his quesclothing as might be supposed. Most of our tions promptly and consistently; and he at

would "see about me," "I don't know you," he said, "and there fore I put no confidence at all in you, If I cold weather came on they could do so, and catch you trying to get across the Potomac I'll put a bullet through you; so look out.' I had been training and disciplining myself for the dangers that I must encounter in

guise stowed away behind some movable this bold effort to escape. I had thought of bricks in the wall. I was troubled for some all the ways by which aroused suspicion and In this way they were reducing the debt due time to get a gray cap, but that I obtained of the effort to discover might approach me. one of the guard with the help of one of and I was therefore able to appear perfectly several gold pieces which I had concealed in cool and "at home" in this situation. We the lining of my blouse after my capture be- left the city, a great empty train full half a fore I was searched. Then I borrowed a mile in length, with several companies of razor and a pair of scissors, which had been cavalry as escort, and wound along slowly calously concealed by some of my comrades, toward the Southern Potomac. There was and with my preparations as nearly made as incident enough, and excitement, too, every they could be, I waited for the morning that day while I stayed with this train, to make a stery of itself; but nothing happened to bring me into danger until we reached the Pamunkey. The water was high, and the whole train crossed on boats. I was leaning

on the rail looking into the water, when a

"Hallo, Porter! who'd have thought to see you here ?"

I may remark here that for two weeks be my feeling, I shaved off the long, drooping fore I left Richmond the widow and my friends there had called me nothing but even months' confinement had given me. Moses Parish. The idea was continually in my head-don't recognize your own name. convict's, and with the help of a little store I turned now, slowly and deliberately, and faced my kind friend the train-master. "That's not my name, sir," I said,

"The d-1 it isn't!-and the d-1 you orderly without side-arms; and then I are !" he said snappishly. "Now don't try waited patiently near the door. In about any of your gammon on me, for I know you. andria, in a boat, about the 1st of August, You are Captain Porter, of the Yankee caval-

Streight and his gang." His hand was on my shoulder; he looked me squarely in the eye. It was a critical moment for me, because I knew that he had George W. Shepherd's satchel being searched it in his mind to put me under guard and lower hall in the same way. Acting in exact take me back to the Libby on mere suspi- \$6,000 in the two companies named.

pursuance of the plan I had formed, I went clon. I never flinched from his look, but. One of the witnesses testified that cion. I never flinched from his look, but answered stordily:

"You are mistaken, sir; I was never in "Well, who are you?"

"Moses Parists, lately from Baltimore, enlisted-" "There-enough of that! If you make Captain Porter, you are likely to be some

other escaped Yankee prisoner." He was called away just then, and the subject passed from his mind for the time. I

natural thing under the circumstances-I | nity one dark night when we were parking caught up a bandful of the sand and shouted, "Maryland, my Maryland!" I soon found one of our cavalry camps in the vicinity, and by the help I received there I was enabled to reach Washington in a few hours. I had not been in the city half a day before I was closeted with the Secretary of War, giving him a full account of my experiences. There

LOCAL MATTERS.

A PLAN FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION.-A the last meeting of the Conservative City Committee a resolution was presented by Mr. J. C. Dickerson, of Marshall Ward. favoring a primary election. This resolution was referred to a select committee composed of Messrs. J. C. Dickerson, of Marshall Ward; A. R. Courtney, of Jefferson Ward; John B. Purcell, of Madison Ward; W. H. Haxall, of Monroe Ward; J. F. Gaskins, of Jackson Ward; and John F. Meredith, of

Clay Ward. The select committee held a meeting last night and carefully considered the plan referred to them, and concluded to recommend to the City Committee that a primary election be held, and that the voting be vive voce. It was also decided that the City Committee alone should prepare the tickets for the primary election, and that no other tickets would be used. The plan, of course, embraced many details which are not matured at this time. The candidates are expected to announce themselves a few days before the primary election, but the time for holding that election will have to be settled by the City Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER .- The House of Delegates last night ordered to engrossment the bill introduced by Mr. Dooley to amend the seventy-fifth section of the charter of the city. It provides that "any person who feels aggrieved by the assess ment of his real estate, may, after the first day of October, 1876, and before the first day of January, 1877, and between the first Hustings Court of the city of Richmond to correct such assessment, of which motion five days' notice shall be given to each assessor who made the assessment and to the city attorney. 'Upon the hearing of such motion the city attorney shall be present to defend the interests of the city, and at least one of the assessors shall be examined. If the court upon such hearing shall reduce the assessment, it shall give judgment for the costs of the proceeding, as in its judgment may be equitable. If the court shall refuse to reduce the assessment or increase the same, judgment for costs shall be rendered against the petitioner. And in case the assessment be altered, the petitioner shall furnish a copy of the order to the pro-One morning the widow brought me the per city officer, which shall be taxed in the cost of the proceeding."

RUPTURE OF BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG AND PETERS BURG RAILBOAD COMPANIES .- The Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company has been thereupon presented a testimonial to the served with the two following papers: " PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY,)

" OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, " March 18, 1876. "Circular .- In consequence of the failure of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad ing forth hearty expressions of friend-Company to pay to the Petersburg Railroad ship and good will. Accompanying this was

Company the amounts due for ticket sales a painting by Trabern, of Lumpkin's gallemade by the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company over the Petersburg railroad, curred about this time, and excited the wild. the tickets of the issue of the Richmond and | pipe-the pipe of peace-and near it stood a est apprehensions. Richmond fairly boiled Petersburg Railread Company will not be punch-bowl, from behind which rose a standwith excitement, and military scrutiny recognized on this line on and after March ard, upon which was a fac similie of the

and on the trains at Petersburg. "The sale of tickets over the Richmond and Petersburg railroad by agents of the Moses Parish (a real person, who was unable company will be discontinued on and after March 20, 1876.

" H. T. Douglas, President." "PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY,) 66 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDIT, "PETERSBURG, VA., March 19, 1876. A. Shaw, Esq, Superintendent:

"Dear Sir, -On and after March 20th this company will demand from Petersburg south and from Weldon north the same divisions as they receive to and from Petersburg, and no through bills will be recognized by this company after that date on freights from Richmond.

"Yours truly, "R. M. SELLY, G. F. A." The officers of the Richmond and Peters burg Railroad Company represent that the Petersburg Railroad Company is Indebted to them to the amount of several thousand dollars. They have been keeping back the balances due the Petersburg railroad and crediting them to the account of the debt. them. They very greatly regret the incon-venience the public will for some time be subjected to, both in the way of freight and

passenger business. Passengers going south now have to buy tickets and have their baggage checked from Richmond to Petersburg. At Petersburg they can get through tickets to other points. Freight is placed in about the same predicament.

RAILBOAD RECEIVERSHIP. Judges Bond and Hughes are expected to arrive in Richmond to-day to hear a motion that will probably be made in relation to the receiverip of the Atlantic, Mississ ppi and Ohio Railroad Company. Very likely General Mahone will not be

present, as his son is extremely ill. MAN OVERBOARD-SIX THOUSAND DOLLAR INSURANCE ON HIS LIPE. - In the City Circuit Court yesterday the case of George W. Shep herd's administrator vs. The Equitable Life Insurance Company of the United States, and the Equitable of New York, came up. The facts of the case are these: George W. Shepherd and his brother, Joseph Shepherd, west our lives, perennial and unsading. fishing with a boy named Green, near Alex-1878. After rowing about a mile down the ly, who escaped from the Libby just before Potomac, G. W. Shepherd fell out of the boat and was supposed to have been drowned. Joseph Shepherd and the boy Green searched for the body, but they were unable to find it. policies were found for the amount of

One of the witnesses testified that he say George W. Shepherd some time after the alleged time of drowning. The effort, on the other hand, was made to prove that this witness was not worthy of belief, and that he had a grudge against the Shepherds. George W. Shepherd had no family and his brother Joseph is his beir if he is really dead. The argument will be made to day. Colonel M. D. Bail, of Alexandria, appears for plain-

Mose in New York to enter the civil service of the Confederacy. But I was coal, and, as I saw the perfection of my disguise, I grew consident. From the office I walked to the door, and here I met Major Turner, the commandant, just entering. I saluted him promptly, and boldly walked out between the muskets that guarded the door. In two minutes more I was out of sight of the hatful Libby.

Exulting in my freedom, I did the most carried from Libby Prison sebraary 3, 1664, by means of a tunnel excavate ander the walked. If the my service is the field and the faultful theme he has a tight ear the Old Market. Sergeant may have reasoned that I could be watched not in the street, fully expected to see who was to be desired the train returned to Richmond, and the faultful theme he has at night ear the Old Market. Sergeant may have reasoned that I could be watched not in the street, fully expected to see that fully expected to see that fully expected to see the bad decided not found to watched that after thus getting the benefit of my services was not of sight of the hatful Libby.

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SQUARE AND COMPASS. THE SOUTHERN CROSS UNDER NORTHERN SKIES.

SOUVENIES FROM VIRGINIA TO MASSACHUSETTS.

Odd Fellows' Hall, in Boston, was the cene on Saturday evening of the most hearty, pleasant, and fraternal interchange of courtesies between Knights Templar of Richmond and their brethren of De Molay Commandery and St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston. On that occasion a committee o Richmond Commandery, charged with the presentation of souvenirs commemorative of their pilgrimage to Boston in June last, were received. Both the organizations named as sisted in the reception, and there were also many individual courtesies bestowed. Most prominent among these were the entertainments given at the residence of Eminent Commander John M. Clark, Generalissimo Charles B. Lancaster, and Alvin Adams, Esq., and at the bands of Sir Knight Will liam Parkman, Jr., master of St. Andrew's Lodge, and William Parkman, Sr., who was master of the lodge in 1858, when the visit of Knights Templar of Boston was made to Richmond. At the residence of Sir Knight Benjamin F. Guild each of the pilgrims received a floral token of friendship.

The remembrance of these prompted

the visit of this committee, the members of which were: Eminent Sir Knight William B. Isaacs, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia; Sir Knight William E. Tanner, of Richmond Commandery; and Eminent Commander Thomas J. Evans, of Richmond Commandery. Unfortunately Mr. Tanner was sick and could not leave home, and therefore the committee was represented by but two of its members. These gentlemen arrived in Boston Friday afterby John M. Clark, Esq., and other Masonic State. This suit is now pending. It may not be aming and the renewal of fraternal greetings they were taken in the decided in the Supreme Court of the United evening to Odd-Fellows' Hall, where a for-States (Smith vs. State of Maryland, 18th mal reception was had by De Molay Commandery, St. Andrew's Lodge being also present by invitation.

The Boston Herald says: The company, which included many ladies, being assembled, Commander Clark called to order, and in warm terms welcomed the committee, and introduced Grand Commander Isaacs. This gentleman referred in language in every second year thereafter, move the full of feeling to the courtesies received by the Richmonds upon the occasion of their pilgrimage to Boston. These had prompted the members of the Richmond Commandery to put into material form tokens of remem brance of the oceasion. The first which he presented was a beautifully-engrossed testimonial to the De Molay Commandery.

Having concluded the reading, which was greeted with hearty applause, Mr. Isaacs presented two splendidly-bound albums, containing finely-finished photographs, cabinet size, of each member of the Richmond Commandery, with autographs annexed, remarking that he could think of nothing more appropriate as a gift to brothers than the likenesses, which would always bring to memory the individual and the pleasant hours spent in their company.

THE ST. ANDREW'S TESTIMONIAL. Mr. Isaacs then referred to another pleasant duty which he had to perform, reciprocal in feeling with the entertainment given the Richmonds by St. Andrew's Lodge, and lodge named, expressing the hope on the part of Richmond Commandery that its visit to Boston would soon be returned. The testimonial was in the form of resolutions, finely executed on parchment, and breathry, the design of which was as follows : Upon the damask-cover of a table lay a clay tobacco jewel presented to the Richmond Command-"Tickets from Petersburg south can be ery by their brothers of De Molay Command-Commandery. The banner-staff bore the names of the three organizations named.

The response of De Molay Commandery was made by its Eminent Commander, John M. Clark, who expressed the greatest gratitude for the testimonials and the counterfelt presentment of their living brothers. He, too, was warmly applauded, as was also Eminent Commander Evans, who was next introduced, and who made

THE INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS. First, to Alvin Adams, Esq., [of Adams Express Company fame] he presented a set of resolutions engrossed on parchment, and to Mrs. Adams a beautiful silver call-bell lined and ornamented with gold.

To Sir Knight Benjamin F. Guild he also his lady a heavy gold cross and chain suitably To Miss Foque, at whose hands, in June last, was presented the jewel from the De

Molays to the Richmonds, there was also a

set of resolutions presented. To John M. Clark, commander, and Charles B. Lancaster, generalissimo of De Molay Encampment, similar testimonials were given, and each of these gentlemen were invested with massive gold jewels

RESPONSES. When Mr. Evans had concluded Commander Clark introduced William Parkman, Jr., worshipful master of St. Andrew's Lodge, who, in brief but pertinent remarks, occepted the tokens of friendship bestowed, and in return asked that his hearty thanks tion was 15.04 per 1,000 per annum. be conveyed to the chivalrous Knights o Richmond.

Sir Knight B. F. Guild, of the Commer cial Bulletin, a member of De Molay Com nandery, responded for himself and wife. Eminent Commander John M. Clark made an eloquent address, in closing which he

God bless valiant and magnanimous Richmond Commandery, No. 2, ot Richmond, Va., and each and every member thereof God bless De Molay Commandery and every one of its members. May "unsuffied bono and universal benevolence," the great prin ciples of our order, adorn the pathway o

My heart is in my hand, my hand is open to you, and both are yours. Mr. Clark was speceeded by Generalissim Charles B. Lancaster.

INFORMAL PLEASURES.

These closed the formalities of the occasion, and the succeeding hour was occupied in the banquet hall, where substantial and to report by laws at the next meeting. delicate viands were spread in bountiful pro fusion to tempt the appetite of the Masoni brethren and their lady guests. Following this was dancing, introductions, social inter-course, and renewals of old friendships, until the beginning of the Sabbath,

" BEFORE MARRIAGE AND APTER."-This subject, of which some little is known by our people, will be elucidated at. Broad-Street Methodist church to-morrow evening M. D. Ball, of Alexandria, appears for plaintiff, and Major Robert Stiles and Major John
by Rev. C. F. Deems, D. D., pastor of the
Church of the Strangers, New York city. Dr.
Johns for defendants.

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A FALSE ALARM.—The cry of "Murder,"
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ATTACK ON THE CYSTER FUNDOW-LETTER OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL .- The following is the letter of the Attorney-General which was transmitted to the General Assembly by

the Governor: COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, March 15, 1876. Hon. James L. Kemper, Governor of Vir

Sir,-I beg leave to call your attention to the attempts now in progress to annul by the agency of the courts of the United States the laws of the State passed to protect her oyster fisheries from depredation by non-

One McCready, a non-resident of the State has been engaged extensively for several ing one lot of clothing. An examination years in planting oysters in the waters of was held, resulting in Gilliard being sent on Gloucester county on an avowed claim of right. He was convicted of the offence by Henry Hartken and James T. Fry (colthe judgment of the Circuit Court of that county, and on appeal the judgment was recently affirmed by the Court of Appeals. He on Sunday. has carried the judgment of affirmance to the Supreme Court of the United States for re- was required to pay costs, and was dis view. His pretension is, that the law of the State which secures to her citizens the right of fishing in her own waters, to the exclusion of non-residents, is in violation of the provision in the Constitution of the United States "that the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities

of citizens in the several States." The same person was not long since arrested on indictment for a like offence, but procured his release on habeas corpus, by the judgment of Judge Bond, of the Circuit Court of the United States, that the law under which he was prosecuted is unconstitutional and void. And he has procured from the same judge an order of injunction on bill and equity, which restrains a citizen of Virginia from planting oysters in North river, on a location agreed upon between the citizen and the State inspector, upon the assumption of precedent rights acquired by himself in the same locality, without regard oon, and were immediately taken in charge to the inspector's authority or the law of the It may not be amiss to add that in a case

Howard, 71), where the validity of such protective laws was examined, the Court thought the question of their validity was not fairly presented on the record; but it used this language: "Whether this liberty (of fishing) belongs exclusively to the citizens of the State of Maryland, or may lawfully be enjoyed in common by all the citizens of the United States; whether this public use may be restricted by the State to its own citizens or a part of them, or, by force of the Constitution of the United States, must remain common to all He was then recognized to appear on the citizens of the United States; whether the first day of the next term of the court. National Government, by a treaty or act of Congress, can grant to foreigners the right to participate therein, or what in general are the trusts upon which the State holds this soil, or its power to define and construe that The uniform selected was navy blue, cut simtrust, are matters wholly beyond the scope | iler to that worn by the First regiment; trimof this case, and upon which we give no mings, gold-lace bars across the coat-bresst; opinion." That the purpose is to bring coat-cuffs, collar, and tail trimmed with these questions again under review cannot be doubted. Very respectfully,
R. T. DANIEL.

MOBTUARY REPORT .- The following is the mortuary report for the week ending Saturday, March 18, 1876, compiled from sexconsumption, 4 white, 1 colored; diphtheris, 1 white; drowning, 1 colored; heart-disease, 1 white; inflammation of the brain, 1 white; intussusception, 1 white; old age, 1 colored; paralysis, 2 white, 1 colored; small-pox, said church." I wish to say no such application bas been made to the Council, and the colored. Whole number of deaths in the character of the committee's report shows city exclusive of still-births, 22. Still-Births: that the memorial referred to was wholly White males, 1; colored males, 3; colored females, 2-total, 5. Sex and Color: Maleswhite, 6; colored, 4-total, 10; females, white, 7; colored, 5-total, 12. Age: One day to thirty, 1 colored; one month to six, 2 white, 1 colored—total, 3; six months to twelve, 1 white, 1 colored-total, 2; three years to five, 1 white; twenty years to thirty. forty, 8 white, 1 colored—total, 4; forty by the thick foliage of a row of large trees years to fifty, 1 white; fifty years to sixty, 2 white, 1 colored-total, 3; sixty years to seventy, 1 white, 2 colored-total, 3; one hundred years and upwards, 1 colored. Condition : Single, 7 white, 4 colored-total 11; married, 4 white, 8 colored-total, 7 widows, 1 white, 1 colored-total, 2; un known, 1 white, 1 colored-total, 2. Nativi ty: United States, 19; unknown, 3. Locality: City at large, 1 colored; Marshall Ward,

2 white, 2 colored-total, 4; Jefferson Ward 3 white, 2 colored-total, 5; Madison Ward, 2 white ; Monroe Ward, 1 white, 1 coloredtotal, 2; Clay Ward, 8 white, 1 colored-total 4; Jackson Ward, 1 colored; almshouse, 1 white, 1 colored-total, 2; small-pox hospital, 1 white. By whom Certified : Regular presented a testimonial of resolutions, and to practitioners, 12 white, 6 colored-total, 18; Coroner, 2 colored; Board of Health, 1 white,

colored-total, 2. COMPARATIVE WEEKLY MORTALITY. -Week ending.

Mar. 21, Mar. 20, Mar. 11, Mar. 18
1874. 1875. 1876. 1876.
W. C. W. C. W. C. W. C.
Total deaths... 8 20 8 15 9 23 13 9
Still-born..... 1 3 4 8 1 2 1 4 Mean temperature for the week ending March 11, 55.85; mean temperature for the

week ending March 18, 48.42. were invested with massive gold jewels, elaborate in design, bearing in monogram elaborate in design, bearing in monogram March 11,0.00 inches; amount of rainfall for the week ending March 18, 0.31 inches, name of the recipient and donor and the october of the week ending March 18, 0.31 inches, Population of the city estimated by school-white. 41,400; colored, 31, census, 72,500-white, 41,400; colored, 31,-

Rate of mortality of whole population was 15.77 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of white population was 16.32 per 1,000 per annum; rate of mortality of colored popula-

PERSONAL.-W. W. McFarland, of New York, of counsel for trustees of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company Major C. S. Stringfellow, of counsel for the same company; Commodore W. H. Vander-bilt, of New York; and Mr. John Terhune,

of New Jersey, were at the Exchange yesterday. Sergeant James Pleasants, of the police force, is suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas in the face and head.

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION-PREPARATION POR THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.—The Republicans of the lower end of Jackson Ward have organized a precinct club, and elected the following officers : Richard Carter, president Thomas Hewlett, vice-president; John H. Carter, secretary; Malachi Griffio, assistant secretary; Robert W. Johnson, treasurer

P. H. Flemming, chaplain; Ferdinand Kyles, sergeant-at-arms, J. H. Carter, M.

Griffin, and P. H. Flemming were appointed

REPUBLICAN WARD MEETINGS .- Next Monday night ward meetings of Republican voters will be held in this city to elect dele-gates to the Lynchburg Convention. Each ward will elect one delegate.

CHILD BURNED. - A little colored girl living on Jackson street was terribly burned on Sunday while her mother was at church. Dr. Davis was called in, but stated that no the lojuries were so severe he could do but little

Knock-Down.—Mahala Johnson (colored virago) last night struck Phillis Winston with a rock, and came near killing her. She was arrested. Came: Whiskey.

REAL ESPATE SALE. - Wellington Goddin netioneer, last evening sold the valuable mement, No. 1400, at the northeest corner of Main and Fourteenth streets, for \$11,026

NO. 71. SUPREME COURT OF APPRAIS, YESTERDAY.

James vs. Napier, &c. Appeal allowed from a decree of the Circuit Court of Henry Rogers us. Strother and als. Fully ar gued by James Alfred Jones, Esq., and Judge Meredith for the appellant, and submitted.

Cole vs. Bright. Fully argued by Judge Crump for the appellant, and submi Turnbull us. Thompson. Petition for re hearing denied.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY.-John Gilliard, a notorious negro thief, was charged with bresking and entering in the night-time the dwelling-house of John B. Schene and steal-

ored) were each fined ten dollars for siell the ordinances of the city by selling liquor Pairick Sullivan, charged with trespass

charged. Joseph Sanpart and Thomas Hatcher, ar rested for drunkenness, were admonished and discharged.

John Winston (colored), charged with as sault and battery. Case was continued until o-day. The case of William Bradshaw (colored) was continued until to-day.

Charles Tinsley (colored) was fixed \$2.50 and costs for unlawful trespass. The case of William Level (colored) was partially examined and continued until today.

HENRICO COUNTY COURT .- This court meets again to-day.

REUBEN WILLIAMS DISCHARGED .- Reuben Williams, who was sentenced to three years' confinement in the penitentiary on the 17th of January for robbing Peter Shields's trunk and who appealed to the Court of Appeals was yesterday brought to the bar of the Hustings Court and discharged by Judge Guigon, the Court of Appeals having reversed the judgment of the court below.

MR. MORGENSTERN'S CASE .- In the Hustings Court resterday counsel for Otto Morgenstern, convicted of selling liquor to minors and fined ten dollars, moved the Court to set aside the verdict. The Court overruled the motion. A motion in arrest of judgment was then made and overruled. Morgenstern was sentenced, but the Court postponed the execution of the judgment for thirty days in order to enable him to apply to the Court of Appeals for a writ of error.

RICHMOND CITY GUARD UNIFORM .- A Special meeting of this company was held last night for the purpose of adopting a uniform. light blue, edged with gold-lace; stripe in pants blue, with gold-lace binding.

The contract for making the uniforms was given to Salamonski & Co., of this city Owing to the non-arrival of samples of hats the choice of a hat was deferred until tomorrow night.

PURIFIES THE BLOOD, RENOVATES

Correction. the Council held yesterday it is stated that the Committee on Light reported unfavorably on the application of Clay-Street Methodist church to have a lamp placed in "rear of said church." I wish to say no such applicamisunderstood. It was a petition from the authorities of Clay-Street church and a large number of citizens and property-holders in the vicinity asking that a lamp might be placed on Adams street midway between Clay and Marshall street—a route which is very much travelled by the inhabitants and church goers in the northeastern portion of the city, and rendered exceedingly dark running from Clay to Marshall streets. The committee's report might leave the impression that some favor had been saked by Clay-

Richmond, March 21, 1876. There is not a locality in Richmond in which a lamp could be placed to a greater advantage.]

Street Methodist church. Not sc. C. A. P.

RICHMOND, March 21, 1876. Editors of the Dispatch : Mr. Louis Wagner, in bis communication to your paper, says : The committee representing the German citizens " were simply instructed to present to the City Conservative Committee the address published some days ago, which embodies their full political views, and their reasons for not wishing a repetition of the late primary plan." What does Mr. Wagner mean by "the

late primary-election plan?" Does he mean the plan by which Johnson, Tanner, and Wortham were nominated, or the plan by which McRae, Lovenstein, Halsey, Wiltz, and others were defeated? Inasmuch as Mr. Wagner has undertaken to explain in part, would it not be well for him to comp'ete the underisking? The language of the address is:

Resolved, 1. That we, the German adopted citizens, positively express a firm determination and protest against a repetition or appli-cation of the so called Primary Election Plan as dangerous and circumscribing to our privileges, threatening to produce discord and disunion within our party, and seriously imperilling its success.

MONROE WARD. MANCHESTER NEWS.

Lashed and Sent to Jail.—Charles Tur-pin (colored), an old offender, was before the Mayor yesterday upon the charge of stealing a halter from Colonel W. B. Wooldridge. He was sentenced to receive ten lashes and to confinement in juli, with labor, for fifteen

The Courts.-Both the Hustings and the County courts meet to-day, CHEAP GOODS at A. PIZZINI, Jr.'s, 807 Broad

days.

Nice Cocoanuts at four for 25c. worth 10c. each-Juley Oranges at 20c. per dozen worth 30c. Juley Oranges at 25c. per dozen worth 35c. Italian Maccaroni at 20c. per pennd worth 25c. Green and Black Tes at \$1,50 per pound worth \$1.75 to \$2.

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

WE On all sales of Real Betate made between the 1st of January and last of Lines the taxes for the present year have to be paid by the purchaser. On all sales made between the 1st of July and last of the year the taxes have to be paid by the seller. [This custom was adopted about fifteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and ap-plies to Richmond and vicinity.]

PAINE, CABELL & CO., 10% A. M., dry goods, boots, shoes, balmorals, gatters; hats, clothing, white goods, cloths, &c.

GODDIN, WARREN & CO., 5 P. M., framed house on Clay street, in Manchester,

GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 1 P. M., tract of laid on the Three-Chopped road about four and a half miles west of the city. GRUBBS & WILLIAMS, 12 M., three tracts of land on the Three-Chopped road about seven miles west of Richmond.

COOK & LAUGHTON. 10 A. M., general ass ment of household furniture, show cases; de . THOMPSON BROWN, 4% P. M., framed dwelling on Laurel street near Spring.

SAMPSON & McCBARY, 3 P. M., and adjoining the lands of W. H. Brander, Henry T. Drawry's estate, and the Broadrock tract, in Chesterfield county. COOK & LAUGHTON, 11 A. M., at their rooms a lot of fruit-trees, evergreens, vines, &c.

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